

IN THE CLAIMS:

The text of all pending claims, (including withdrawn claims) is set forth below. Cancelled and not entered claims are indicated with claim number and status only. The claims as listed below show added text with underlining and deleted text with ~~striketrough~~. The status of each claim is indicated with one of (original), (currently amended), (cancelled), (withdrawn), (new), (previously presented), or (not entered).

Please CANCEL claims 1-9 without prejudice or disclaimer in the underlying PCT application. Please also cancel, without prejudice or disclaimer, claims 1-9 in the annex to the International Preliminary Examination Report and ADD new claims in accordance with the following:

1-9. (CANCELED)

10. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) A method for operating an electronic device, having an input unit, at least one output unit, and at least one supplementary or selection function activatable via the input unit, said method comprising:

detecting each activation of a predetermined supplementary or selection function;

evaluating a result of said detecting using a predetermined evaluation, which compares input values based on the detected activations against a threshold value, for determining at least one of infrequently used supplementary and selection functions; and

outputting reference advisory text corresponding to the at least one of infrequently used supplementary and selection functions based on said evaluating.

11. (PREVIOUSLY PRESENTED) The method as claimed in claim 10, wherein the electronic device is a telephone terminal with a display, and

wherein said evaluating includes determining a frequency of activation of the at least one of infrequently used supplementary and selection functions in a predetermined period.

12. (PREVIOUSLY PRESENTED) The method as claimed in claim 11, wherein said evaluating includes determining a trend of the frequency of activation in the predetermined period.

13. (PREVIOUSLY PRESENTED) The method as claimed in claim 12, wherein said

evaluating includes determining a period which has elapsed since a most recent activation of the at least one of infrequently used supplementary and selection functions.

14. (PREVIOUSLY PRESENTED) The method as claimed in claim 13, wherein said evaluating includes comparing a predetermined reference value with at least one of frequency of activation, the trend determined and the period determined.

15. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) An electronic device, comprising:
an input unit to activate at least one supplementary or selection function;
an output unit;
a supplementary function detection unit to detect each activation of a particular supplementary or selection function and to produce a detection output;
a timer, coupled to said supplementary function detection unit, to determine a quantity characterizing a number of activations of the particular supplementary or selection function in a predetermined period;
an evaluation unit, coupled to said supplementary function detection unit and said timer, which compares input values based on the detected activations against a threshold value, to produce an evaluation output;
a user information memory, coupled to said output unit, to store at least one advisory text for at least one infrequently used supplementary or selection function; and
a memory control unit, coupled to said evaluation unit and said user information memory, to address said user information memory for output of a corresponding advisory text for each infrequently used supplementary or selection function, based on the evaluation output.

16. (PREVIOUSLY PRESENTED) The device as claimed in claim 15, wherein the electronic device is a telephone terminal with a display, and
wherein said supplementary function detection unit includes
a counter to detect the number of activations of the particular supplementary or selection function; and
an arithmetic calculating unit, coupled to said counter and said timer, to determine a frequency of activation of the particular supplementary or selection function in the predetermined period.

17. (PREVIOUSLY PRESENTED) The device as claimed in claim 16, wherein said evaluation unit includes

a last activation memory to store a last activation time of the particular supplementary or selection function; and

a subtraction stage, connected to said last activation memory and to said timer, to determine a period which has elapsed since the last activation time.

18. (PREVIOUSLY PRESENTED) The device as claimed in claim 17, wherein said evaluation unit further includes:

a reference value memory to store a predetermined period; and

a comparator unit, having an input coupled to said reference value memory and an output coupled to said memory control unit, to compare the quantity characterizing the number of activations to the predetermined period and to output a control signal to said memory control unit.

19. (NEW) The method according to claim 10, wherein the advisory text is an operating instruction.

20. (NEW) The method according to claim 10, wherein the outputting the advisory text comprises printing a record of the text or audibly outputting the text.

21. (NEW) The method according to claim 10, wherein the supplementary or selection function is a random function.

22. (NEW) The device according to claim 15, wherein the advisory text is an operating instruction.

23. (NEW) The device according to claim 15, wherein the outputting the advisory text comprises printing a record of the advisory text or audibly outputting the advisory text.

24. (NEW) The device according to claim 15, wherein the device is a CD player or radio and the supplementary or selection function is a random function.